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long-suffering individual, to urge his cause in public; but in justice to that section of the community to which he belongs—the section which, apparently, receives the least sympathy from those in authority—we feel that too much cannot be said on their behalf, and it will be our endeavour, to press upon public opinion, in, as well as out of season, the claims of these smaller officials—the body of deserving public servants—as the Ceylon Lieut. Governor calls them—for consideration at the hands of the Government of Hongkong. It is our pleasure to note that while this question came within the purview of the editorial sanctum a few days ago, in Singapore the Budget speech delivered by the Lieut. Governor of Ceylon furnished material for identical comments from the youngest Straits paper in that colony. The *Eastern Daily Mail* deals with the subject of the smaller-paid clerks with an impartiality that does it credit. With the object of giving prominence to our enlightened contemporary's views we present to our readers the remarks the editor felt prompted to make in the cause of the "little fry." This is what he wrote: "The needs of the third division of the Public Service—the clerks, were not dwelt upon extensively in His Excellency's statement, nor were any definite promises as to better pay in the immediate future given, it being stated only that 'this class is entitled to consideration,' consideration which they seldom or never receive, while the already over-paid higher official gets repeated concessions and additions to his pay. To particularize, the case of our own Municipal Engineer might be mentioned. Though a man of undoubted experience and ability, we question very much whether he could obtain in private employ a salary in excess of that which he now receives. Yet our Municipality, already over-burdened with demands for expenditure for the public weal, has recommended an increase of £500 in his pay, an amount which is a good salary in itself for many a professional man of equal attainments. This amount has, however, been reduced by the Governor to £200, at which one of our local contemporaries cavils. Meanwhile, European clerks are being employed, at \$150 a month, by the Municipality, and Eurasians and natives for a great deal less. There is too much disparity shown, we believe, between the pay of subordinates and that of higher officials, and we regret to see that the tendency is to make the disparity greater rather than less."

JAPANESE STEAMSHIP SUBSIDIES.

(12th December.)

The question of Government bounties to foreign steamship companies is ever one which concerns the vital interest of Hongkong. Time and again it has been urged in the Press and otherwise publicly stated that British shipping trading to and from this port labours under disabilities which penalize it in favour of the foreign mercantile marine. It was not so very long ago that a formal resolution was submitted at a meeting of steamship owners in this Colony and unanimously adopted in which the opinion was expressed that representations should be made to the local Government for transmission to the Secretary of State for the Colonies urging upon the attention of the Colonial Office that in one important branch of steamship trading from this port the interests of British owners were seriously affected by the bounties granted by a foreign Government to certain steamers trading under that country's flag. The legitimate grievance of the British companies found no redress, and on the principle of what cannot be cured must be endured, the firms in question have had a typical task to contend with in competition with owners who are substantially subsidized by their own Government. While this particular case affected one branch of the carrying trade, the general effect of the subsidies granted by the energetic Government of Japan under their pushing and indefatigable policy of commercial and shipping development, merits still closer observation and more general attention. The Japanese budget for the next fiscal year has already been framed. In another page we print a summary of it. The estimates of the subsidies to be granted the merchant marine of Japan, &c., is reported to have been fixed at ¥8,450,000, which is slightly more than the subsidies granted before the war. Those steamship companies, including the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and Osaka Shosen Kaisha, under special Government contracts received ¥6,195,000; the sum of ¥2,214,000 is appropriated for use in connection with the steam navigation and shipbuilding encouragement bounties ¥1,500,000 for the Shipwreck Rescue Society and the training of seamen; and ¥45,000 for the Hunan Steamship Company. The subsidies to the lines of steamers running to European ports, Seattle, San Francisco, Yangtze, Shanghai, Suichow, and Hongchow will be continued as their contracts are still running, but the subsidy paid to the Bombay service of the N.Y.K. will be discontinued next year. Certain changes will be made in the subsidies granted to the Australian service and coasting services. Service to Taiwan and Korean ports will be among the new subsidized lines, and navigation to North China ports will be increased. The amount of subsidy required for these extensions is estimated at ¥300,000. Although the Japanese subsidy is dropped the *Bombay Chronicle* states that the total is a little in excess of the previous subsidy appropriations. The subsidies, however, were suspended during the war, and for two years none have been granted.

GOVERNMENT IMPARTIALITY.

(13th December.)

Since His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan arrived in Hongkong and took over the reins of Government, it has been our pleasant duty in the majority of cases to support and applaud the various decisions which he has promulgated in matters affecting the public welfare and on questions involving the principle of a "fair field and no favour." Whether these decisions were arrived at as the result of the advice tendered by the higher officials of the Government, of suggestions made in the newspaper press of the Colony, or as the result of His Excellency's personal views on the subject in hand, does not enter into the consideration of the principle at stake. The Governor assumes the responsibility, by virtue of his important office, of every act to which his official signature or imprimatur is attached. It is therefore with much regret and misgiving that we find His Excellency departing from the principle mentioned. It is essential in good government, even the government of a Crown Colony, that where public contracts are concerned there should be no hole-and-corner business. If a contract has to be made it should be offered to the public, that all who care to do so may tender. But for once His Excellency has been induced to ignore the usual practice, and has entered a contract to a public company without in any way attempting to discover whether they were the sole concern in the Colony capable of undertaking the work. In the *S. C. Morning Post* of today's date, we are informed that an arrangement has been entered into between the Hongkong Government and that journal for the official reporting of all important judgments given in the Supreme Court of the Colony, and the reporting of such evidence as the Chief Justice may direct. We have not the slightest quarrel with our contemporary in accepting all the plums that come its way, but we do most decidedly object to the implication that the *Morning Post* is the only journal in Hongkong capable of undertaking the work, or that no other syndicate or association of shorthand writers could have been found to perform the duties required, on terms. We congratulate our contemporary on having friends "at Court," but we protest against the manner in which this appointment has been made. So far as we are aware, there has been no attempt to secure public tenders for the contract of reporting the cases in the Supreme Court. And that is the question at issue. It is in no spirit of petty jealousy that we raise the point, for in dealing with this matter we speak not only for all the newspapers in the Colony but also in the public interest—because what is done in one case may occur again when the subject is of much greater import—and we would disclaim all personal feeling in the matter. What we maintain is that here was, in every respect, a contract which should have been awarded after tenders were opened, compared and considered in all lights. But the Government chose to depart from this principle and to dispense of official appointments without rhyme or reason. Here is an opening for all that is evil in public offices. Now is the time for all sycophants, adulators, parasites, toadies and others of the lick-spittle tribe to curry favour with the Government in the hope of basking in the light of the official countenance, and partaking of some of the crumbs which fall from the rich man's table; regardless of all or any personal qualifications. It is a most vicious system which cannot, so far as we can see, be defended in any way. There is too much favouritism in life already, without the Government lending the slightest support to that pernicious and morally disreputable practice. Of course, where there are gratuities to be obtained or an occasional *honorarium* to be received there are always plenty to bellow the great and glorious duties of the official world. No one will deny for a moment the truth of the assertion made by our contemporary that such law reports are required. The system of having an official report of the cases which are decided by the Supreme Court is nearly universal—certainly it obtains in all the more important colonies. But it is not the practice of the Government to hand over the work to the first-comer, or to ignore the claims of others who have been longer in the field. If public contracts are to be handed out in this way, why not abrogate the system of calling for tenders altogether? It will only mean that two antagonistic classes will be created in the community—the Government pensioners and the non-pensioners. For ourselves we have no desire to obtain favours from the Government or anybody else unless it can be proved to all concerned that they are deserved. It is unfortunate that His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan, who has always acted in a spirit of judicial impartiality, should have been led astray on this occasion. It would be highly interesting to learn the arguments which induced His Excellency to authorize the award, what counsels and pleadings were presented to warrant this departure from ordinary usage. We sincerely regret the fact that we have to disagree with the method pursued in granting this contract, but we feel assured that the vast majority of our readers will be on our side; for what we expect above all things in the Government is impartiality.

LEAVE of absence (combined leave) to England has been granted to Lieutenant W. H. Hodgson, 110th Infantry, for eight months from date of sailing of the H. T. *Dunera*, viz. and last.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL VACANCY.

(14th December.)

An important event in the administrative history of the Colony will occur on the 16th proximo, when the Hon. Sir Paul Chater retires from his seat at the Legislative Council, his term of office having expired. This is neither the time nor the occasion to devote an article—which must necessarily be of considerable length if it is to cover the extensive period under review, and the work accomplished—to the history of Sir Paul Chater's services to the Colony and the Council in particular. Such an article must embrace the whole of Sir Paul's life-history in the Colony, which is a formidable subject, and one which in detail and totality will be found to reflect credit and honour on one of Hongkong's foremost citizens. It is important at the present moment to consider the "electoral" situation, now that we know the names of the various candidates who have indicated their willingness to submit to the public their claims for election to the vacancy in the Legislative Council. Up to a late hour last evening, two candidates had been mentioned for the vacancy created by Sir Paul Chater's retirement—Mr. E. A. Hewett and Mr. H. W. Slade. As far as we can gather, Mr. Slade was the first candidate, brought forward and he had an advantage over his opponent in the active assistance, by canvassing, which he received from the present holder of the seat, Sir Paul Chater, seconded by the head of our great banking institution in Hongkong, Mr. J. R. M. Smith. When Mr. E. A. Hewett, the local superintendent of the P. and O. Steam Navigation Company, came forward in opposition to Mr. Slade it must be taken that his claim to the vacant seat was founded on the part he has taken in public affairs in Hongkong, and earlier, in the Northern Settlement of Shanghai. These services are too well known to need recapitulation here. But the surprise came early this morning when it was learned among the circle of unofficial Justices of the Peace that Mr. Henry Edward Pollock, K.C., had allowed his name to be submitted as a candidate for the seat about to be vacated by the Senior Member of the Council. It would appear that an erroneous impression has got about that the votes promised in favour of one or other of the earlier candidates—as the result of the active canvassing done by the supporters of the contestants—promised before there was any idea that a third would appear in the field, could not honourably be diverted from their original purpose, not even although the third candidate might represent their views and fulfil their requirements. We believe and hold it to be an accepted doctrine of all elections that such promises, given under such circumstances, cannot be held to be binding. The constituents cannot possibly be held to a promise given when the real situation had not then unfolded itself; for the appearance of a new candidate will materially affect the result at issue. In the present circumstances this is a point which should be particularly kept in mind by the constituency limited to the unofficial Justices of the Peace of Hongkong. Until Mr. Pollock came forward and expressed his willingness to stand for election the promises given to support Mr. Slade or Mr. Hewett were given under a sort of moral compulsion—because there was no other choice, in fact, for the electors, who thus, if the expression may be used, tentatively committed themselves. But in no sense can this moral obligation be said to hold good when a candidate of the merits and worth of Mr. Pollock enters the campaign. In point of seniority of precedence and qualifications generally, even his own opponents will admit that Mr. Pollock stands head and shoulders above either of them in the chance of success. The ideal representative on the Legislative Council should combine both business and legal abilities if he would serve the public interests well and faithfully. Although Mr. Pollock's claims to support in the forthcoming election do not include those of a mercantile man actively engaged in business—such as the candidate whose interests are already championed by the member for the Chamber of Commerce—his claim for support as a leading legal light is indisputable. He has sat for several terms as an official member of the Council, when acting as Attorney-General, with conspicuous success and to the satisfaction of the public generally. He has more to do with the drafting and co-ordination of the laws of the Colony than any other man resident here to-day. He is famous by reason of his profession and by reason of his connection with the judiciary of Hongkong, and his knowledge of each and every one of the numerous Ordinances, rules and regulations standing on our statute-books. He claims a long period of residence; he has identified himself with almost every public undertaking of any importance in the Colony; and he has interested himself in every public and private Commission of Inquiry which have investigated the many public questions which have arisen from time to time within the past decade or two in Hongkong; and thus he has gained an insight into the public affairs of the Colony which is practically unrivalled and certainly not surpassed. Mr. Pollock, but added the numerous Blue-books and reports, that have been issued from the Secretariat on the multifarious subjects which have come within the purview of the Government for the public for the last quarter of a century. It has been suggested that one with landed interests in Hongkong could best serve the public weal on the Legislative Council. There are many arguments in favour of that view, but in this

particular case it is rather an advantage than a disadvantage to have as a candidate one whose interests, while bound up with the welfare of the Colony, can never be so subservient to the dollar-and-cent side of public affairs, as to influence his judgment at the expense of any advantages that might accrue to the community at large. Mr. Pollock is known to be a man without any axe to grind, and that is much to say in favour of any public representative. He is independent in his views, free from the case demand his support; is impartial in public matters, and would vote according to the dictates of his conscience, independent of any Governmental or official interest. To sum up, we have in Mr. Pollock a man of sound knowledge, correct judgment, impartial views and an intimacy with the legislative enactments of the Colony, second to that of no other man in Hongkong. At the same time there is much to commend both the other candidates for the honour of a seat at the board of the Legislative Council; but we very much fear that in presence of an opponent with such overwhelming points in his favour, both Mr. Slade and Mr. Hewett must forego their chances of success at the forthcoming election. Mr. Hewett is the representative of the most influential shipping line in the world and a most estimable gentleman. But, unfortunately, his connection with the shipping is one of the very qualifications that stand against him, because the argument can be submitted that the shipping and mercantile interests are already represented in the person of the Hon. Mr. R. Shewan, who is the nominee of the Chamber of Commerce. With Mr. Hewett (himself the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce) in the Council, it would appear as if the mercantile section of the community secured a preponderance of representation. The more so when we remember the fact that the Hon. Mr. Gershom Stewart, who is a Government nominee of the Legislative Council, may also be described as an exponent of commercial interests. Mr. Slade might urge his claim, on the other hand, on the fact that the senior partner of Messrs. Gilman & Co. was a member of the Legislative Council, Mr. Alexander MacConnachie having been the representative of the Chamber before his departure from the Colony. Of course, that is a slender reed to rest upon. His best claim is as Chairman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, but the constitution of that body which takes its chairman by rotation sees to-day a Britisher in the chairmanship and to-morrow an alien. Hence it is impossible to rest on the oars of such a claim. Otherwise, well known as Mr. Slade is in business circles, on Legislative matters this opponent is to all intents and purposes what may be described as an obscure man. In conclusion, it may be remarked that when the Hon. Mr. Shewan went home on leave in 1902-3 and his seat at the Legislative Council became temporarily vacant, there was a contest between Mr. Pollock and Mr. Hewett with the object of determining which of these gentlemen should represent the Chamber of Commerce during the interval. The election resulted in favour of Mr. Pollock, by a satisfactory majority. It may be added that Mr. Pollock is nominated by the Hon. Mr. Gershom Stewart, and seconded by Mr. G. W. F. Playfair. The election takes place on the 21st December, in St. Andrew's Hall, and we have little doubt as to how it will result.

MR. POLLOCK'S CANDIDATURE.

It is an admirable trait in a candidate seeking the suffrages of his constituents in a popular election to disclaim that confidence in his success which is felt by those who have constituted themselves if not his advocates at least his admirers. Mr. Pollock's letter—which appears in another column—referring to our editorial remarks yesterday, betrays a modesty which is altogether admirable. He differs from the "confident views" which we expressed as to the result of the election. All we have to say is that those views were only set forth after the pulse of the electorate, which comprises the unofficial Justices of the Peace in Hongkong, had been felt, and after we had given mature consideration to the matter. They were not put forward in haste to be repented of at leisure, but were as carefully thought out as the importance of the subject warranted, and they were the deliberate expression of our views as between the candidates nominated. At the same time Mr. Pollock's declaration that "the successful candidate, whoever he may be, will only win by a very small majority," is a highly significant statement which deserves full consideration. There is no doubt whatever that each of the candidates will secure a measure of support. Already a vigorous campaign has been inaugurated in favour of Mr. Slade, and backed as he is by the retiring member, who has never been known to do things by halves, and supported by the able manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, he must prove a very formidable opponent. Moreover, Mr. Slade, the great advantage of being first in the field, which is in itself a powerful factor in the result. With regard to the second candidate for the vacancy in the Legislative Council, Mr. E. A. Hewett has been before the public for such a lengthy period, both as superintendent of that British institution, the P. and O. Steam Navigation Company, and as a member and Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, that he has no need to make any special appeal to the support of his mercantile constituents. Mr. Pollock is, therefore, when he does not attempt to minimise the difficulty of his task, but is in that very reason that his success—if

he does prove successful, to paraphrase his own words—will be all the more gratifying. All these considerations were before us when yesterday's editorial was penned, but we still adhere to the arguments then submitted with regard to the overwhelming odds in Mr. Pollock's favour. What is wanted is that the electors who believe in Mr. Pollock should not be lulled into a sense of false security. The other candidates are working, and will have no doubt, continue to work like Trojans to obtain the victory at the poll. It therefore behooves the supporters of the third candidate to bestir themselves, if not at present, at any rate on the day when the votes are cast. A triangular duel such as that which will be waged for the seat vacated by Sir Paul Chater is bound to be a problematical affair, and therefore overconfidence is to be deprecated, especially that sort of overconfidence which leads a voter to say "It is needless for me to record my vote; there will be so many others voting for the candidate I support that a vote here or there will not matter." A greater fallacy could not be uttered. In the first place it is the duty of every non-official Justice of the Peace to employ the vote which appertains to his office. Then it is eminently desirable that the true feeling of the electorate should be ascertained, so that the successful candidate may have no misgivings as to the actual sentiment of the electors. Nothing can be more unsatisfactory from the point of view of the candidate who heads the poll than to feel that his position has been attained by the careless abstention from voting of his opponents' supporters. We cannot therefore too strenuously insist upon the importance of the members of the constituency appearing in full force, and doing their duty both to themselves and to those in the Colony who have entrusted to their hands the selection of an unofficial member of the Legislative Council. It may happen that Mr. Pollock may not be successful, owing to a split vote, or simply because of another candidate's recognised abilities. In such a case, although our nominee may be defeated, we shall of necessity be obliged to acknowledge that the victory has been gained by sheer brilliancy of tactics and the supreme personal merits of the new member. Of course, in our opinion, it is a mere theory to suggest that Mr. Pollock is likely to be beaten. We pin our faith to our first deliberate conclusion that Mr. Pollock is the man for the seat at the board of the Legislative Council, that his claims to the office are superior to those of his contemporaries, and that the majority of the electorate hold the same opinion, which will be expressed on election day. Mr. Pollock's letter should inspire those who are in favour of his candidature to work with might and main to secure his return, despite all odds. We trust that this "call to arms" will be borne in mind by those who have the privilege of voting at the forthcoming election, so that no recriminations may be possible after the event.

TELEGRAMS.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

THE BOYCOTT MOVEMENT.

MERCHANTS OPPOSING SETTLEMENT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Shanghai, 11th Dec., 1905,
10.20 a.m.

The agitation in favour of a settlement of the American boycott is not met with general approval. The Chinese merchants are opposing it.

THE SHANGHAI DISTURBANCE.

ASSESSOR'S REMOVAL DEMANDED.

MR. KWAN'S RESIGNATION.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Shanghai, 11th Dec., 1905,
10.20 a.m.

As an outcome of the disturbance reported by wire on Saturday, the Chinese are demanding the removal of Mr. Twyman, the British Assessor, and three inspectors of police. Magistrate Kwan Chiu has resigned.

The relations between the Municipal police and the Chinese officials of the Mixed Court do not appear to have been of the best of late. On the 6th inst., the Shanghai Taikoo, the *N. C. D. News* understands, lodged another formal request with the Hon. Mr. Consul Kleimow, to withdraw the Municipal constables who are still being sent to the Mixed Court. In the afternoon presumably to watch the carrying out of sentences on prisoners tried during the morning sessions. It is also pointed out by the Taikoo that since the abolition by Imperial decree of corporal punishments the presence of these representatives of the Municipal police is actually superfluous and his deposition is demanded by three policemen to interfere with the proceedings. It is further stated that the jurisdiction of the Mixed Court Magistrate

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THE LITTLE FRY.

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Concluding an article last week on the comparative scale of salaries obtaining in the Colony, we pointed out that we have, on the one hand, the overpaid employé complaining that he is suffering through the rise in silver, and, on the other hand, the middle-class man, who is paid in the local currency, not benefiting in the very slightest degree. The former, however, had all the advantages when the dollar stood at a minimum; the latter is always the sufferer. Rise or fall, he is the victim, and it must be a poor spirit which cannot sympathise with him. We hold no brief for this

ANTI-FOREIGN FEELING IN SHANGHAI.

MEETING OF THE CONSULS.

H.M.S. "BONAVENTURE" DETAINED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 12th December, 11.30 a.m.

H.M.S. *Astrea* has arrived. The arrival of the British cruiser is believed to have some connection with the apprehension of developments arising out of the Mixed Court trouble.

H.M.S. *Bonaventure* is detained in port, and parties of marines are held in readiness to land at a moment's notice at night if required on an emergency.

The Mixed Court has been suspended.

As an under-current of the disturbance, which the *Fracas* on Saturday was its outward visible sign, there is apparent a strong anti-foreign feeling in Shanghai.

A meeting of the Consular Body has been convened and will meet to-day to discuss the growing seriousness of the situation.

THE LIEN-CHAU CRIMINALS.

TAOTAI WEN'S SENTENCES.

DECAPITATION AND IMPRISONMENT.

AN IMPORTANT PROCLAMATION.

[From Our Special Representative.]

Ying-tak, 10th Dec., 1905, 3.12 p.m.

Taotai Wen Tsung-yao, the Chinese Commissioner on the joint Board of Inquiry, have convicted and sentenced, up to the 5th inst., the prisoners found guilty of murder, and others for complicity in the Lien-chau riots as follows:—

(a) Three found guilty, under the capital charge, are to be decapitated.

(b) Four to be imprisoned for five years, two for three years, two for one year, and one for six months.

(c) Two to be castrated; and

(d) Five to be banished.

Proclamations have been issued by the Chinese authorities cautioning the people that no witnesses, who have tendered information and evidence before the Board, shall be molested.

The proclamation proceeds to state that all religionists [converts] who are Chinese subjects will be shown no partiality in their favour as against any other of their fellow-nation.

As to the other criminals who have thus far eluded capture and justice, they will also be punished after arrest and conviction.

THE LIEN-CHAU COMMIS- SIONERS.

BA'K IN CANTON.

[From Our Special Representative.]

Shamneen (Canton), 12th Dec., 1905, 2.15 p.m.

The Lien-chau Commission of Inquiry is back in Canton, having arrived here to-day.

FOOCHOW RACES.

FIRST DAY.

The winter meeting of the Fochow races commenced on Tuesday. By courtesy of Mr. T. F. Hough, clerk of the course, we are enabled to give the results received by wire as follows:—

1.—THE STEWARDS CUP.—Presented. Value \$100. For all China ponies. Weights as per scale. Entrance \$5. Half a mile. Mr. Bridge's Tiara.

2.—THE MAIDEN STAKES.—A forced entry of \$10 each with \$50 added. Second pony to receive \$50. Third pony \$25. For subscription griffins of this meeting. Weights as per scale. Three quarters of a mile.

3.—THE TOTALISATOR CUP.—Value \$150. For all China ponies. Weights as per scale. Entrance \$10. One mile and three quarters.

Mr. Oswald's Cross-in-Hand.

4.—THE MIN STAKES.—Of \$10 each with \$70 added, divided 70, 20 and 10 per cent. to the first, second and third ponies. For subscription griffins of this meeting. Weights as per scale. Winners 7 lbs. extra. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Min's Copaliba.

5.—THE "CAPTAIN HOPE" CHALLENGER CUP.—Presented. For all China ponies. To be won at two consecutive winter meetings or three times in all by ponies the *bona fide* property of the same owner or owners. Entrance \$10 to go to the winner until the cup is finally won, when the second pony will receive the entrance fees. Weights as per scale. Subscription griffins of this meeting allowed 7 lbs. One mile.

Mr. Bridge's Tiara.

6.—THE HACK STAKES.—A distance handicap. Of \$5 each with \$5 added for each starter. For all China ponies not otherwise entered. Catch weights over 11 stone. Jockeys who have never won a race in China or Hongkong previous to this meeting allowed 7 lbs. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. Willie Shaw's E. Bau (late Merida).

7.—THE TRAMEN'S CUP.—Presented. Value \$150. First pony to receive 70 per cent., second 20 per cent., third 10 per cent. For all China ponies. Weights as per scale. Winners at this meeting 5 lbs. extra. Entrance \$10. Twice round and a distance.

Mr. Min's Maas.

8.—THE MANDARIN'S CUP.—Presented by the local authorities. Second pony to receive \$25. For subscription griffins of this meeting. Weights as per scale. Winners 5 lbs. extra. Entrance \$5. Seven furlongs.

Mr. Stella's Bucentaur.

SECOND DAY.

1.—THE WINTER STAKES.—Of \$10 each with \$70 added, divided 70, 20 and 10 per cent. to the first, second and third ponies. For subscription griffins of this meeting. Weights as per scale. Winners 5 lbs. extra. One mile.

Mr. Thomas' Blackstrap.

2.—THE BIG SWEEP CUP.—Value \$150. For all China ponies. Weights as per scale. Winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra. Entrance \$10. Seven furlongs.

Mr. Min's Adrian.

3.—THE HAKWAN CUP.—Presented. Value \$150. For subscription griffins of this meeting. Weights as per scale. Winners 5 lbs. extra. Non-winners allowed 5 lbs. Entrance \$5. Once round.

Mr. Min's Balsam.

4.—THE HONGKONG CUP.—\$150 to first and \$50 to second pony if three or more starters. For all China ponies. Weights as per scale. Subscription griffins of this meeting allowed 7 lbs. Winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra. Entrance \$10. One mile and a half.

Mr. Oswald's Cross-in-Hand.

5.—THE CHAASKE CUP.—Presented. Value \$100. Second pony to receive \$25. For all China ponies. Weights as per scale. Winners at this meeting 5 lbs. extra. Non-winners allowed 5 lbs. Entrance \$5. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. Min's Adrian.

6.—THE COMPROMISER'S CUP.—Presented. Value \$480. First pony to receive 70%. Second pony to receive 20%. Third pony to receive 10%. For subscription griffins of this meeting. Weights as per scale. Winners 5 lbs. extra, of two or more races 7 lbs. extra. Forced entry \$10. One mile and a half.

Mr. Min's Copaliba.

7.—THE FOOCHOW STAKES.—Of \$10 each with \$100 added, divided 70, 20 and 10 per cent. to the first, second and third ponies. A forced entry for all China ponies entered at this meeting, except those entered only for the hacks, and optional for subscription griffins. Weights as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Thomas' Rustic.

THIRD DAY.

1.—THE "AU REVOIR" CUP.—Second pony to receive \$25. For subscription griffins of this meeting. Weights as per scale. Winners of one race 5 lbs. extra, two or more races 7 lbs. Extra. Entrance \$5. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Min's Copaliba.

2.—THE CRITERION STAKES.—Of \$10 each with \$100 added, divided 70, 20 and 10 per cent. to the first, second and third ponies. For all China ponies. Weights as per scale. Winners at this meeting 5 lbs. extra. Non-winners allowed 5 lbs. Entrance \$5. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. Thomas' Platelayer.

3.—THE LADIES' PURSE.—Presented. Second pony to receive \$25. For subscription griffins of this meeting 5 lbs. extra. Non-winners allowed 5 lbs. Riders who have never won a race allowed 7 lbs. Entrance \$5. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. Stella's Bucentaur.

4.—THE CONSOLATION CUP.—Value \$100. For all *bona fide* beaten China ponies that have run at this meeting. Weights as per scale. Entrance \$5. One mile.

Mr. Stella's Centaur.

5.—THE MANCHU STAKES.—A forced entry of \$10 each with \$70 added divided 70, 20 and 10 per cent. to the first, second and third ponies. For all *bona fide* beaten subscription griffins of this meeting that have not won a race. Weights as per scale. Once round.

Mr. Nalea's Dengue.

6.—THE CHAMPION STAKES.—Of \$10 each with \$100 added. A forced entry for China ponies and open only to winners at this meeting except the winner of the hacks, and optional for the winners of the Manchu Stakes and Consolation Cup. Winner of two races at this meeting \$15 extra, more than two races \$40 extra. Weights as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Bridge's Tiara.

7.—THE LEDGER CUP.—Presented. Value \$100. Second pony to receive \$25. For all China ponies. Weights as per scale. Winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra. Non-winners allowed 5 lbs. Entrance \$5. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. Thomas' Platelayer.

THE COMING ELECTION.

THE ELECTION TO A VACANCY ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." SIR,—I hope that I may be permitted, whilst thanking you for your advocacy of my claims, to differ, with all due respect, from the confident views which you express as to the result of the forthcoming election for the Council.

My friends, Mr. Hewett and Mr. Slade, have secured good support, and I have no hesitation in predicting that, at the forthcoming election, the successful candidate, whoever he may be, will only win by a very small majority.

Yours faithfully,

H. E. POLLOCK.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1905.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

THE LEPER'S FUND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." Dear Sir,—I am very grateful for some good donations towards the Leper Relief Fund. In order to relieve the worst forms of suffering during the next few weeks we will need some more help. We hope that some more friends will remember these suffering lepers.

Please acknowledge the following contributions, and oblige.

Yours truly,

ANDREW BEATTIE.

A Chinese Friend	...	\$25
J. J. Tavarina, Esq.	...	5
A Parsee Friend	...	20
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Canton, Dec. 13th, 1905.

GLOOMY WANCHAI.

RESIDENTS ACHING FOR WATER.

Weary Wanchai! They are invariably the first to be pounced upon when the Government has any new scheme to introduce. "Here's a patent thunderbolt destroyer," says the Astonom Royal. "Try it on Wanchai," replies the D. P. W. "If they stand it, we can gradually acclimatise the rest of the Colony to its use." Now the Wanchai district has just been smitten with an affliction of the eyes which compels the poor people there to gaze constantly at the horizon. Once, not so very long ago, you could have told the Wanchai man by the way he kept his eyes on the ground, just as you can tell a Manchester man by his umbrella. The Wanchai people have a pet anecdote that an inhabitant of that district—and it is a district with customs and habits quite distinct from those of any other part of the city—that one of their number once picked up a genuine ten-cent piece on the sidewalk. That is why they used to gaze anxiously into the gutters and nooks which occur in the sidewalk, why they honk and jump over boulders and chasms, why they never complained about "road under repair," or "beware of the tramway and the irrepressible ricksha," or paused to think of the better life. They just plodded along with their eyes on the ground, occasionally passing the Gaiten even, such was their absorption in the pursuit of the cent, that never returned. You would see them make a frantic dive at a shining disc in the pathway amidst a wailing hissing sound of exaltation such as the Maitland do. Mr. W. G. Wells is right, when they are pleased about "road under repair," or "beware of the tramway and the irrepressible ricksha," or paused to think of the better life. They just plodded along with their eyes on the ground, occasionally passing the Gaiten even, such was their absorption in the pursuit of the cent, that never returned. 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AN AUCTION THAT FAILED

NO BIDS FOR VALUABLE CROWN LOT.

When Sir Matthew Nathan presented the Colonial Secretary's report to the Legislative Council on the 7th September last, His Excellency, in his comprehensive statement to the Assembly, mentioned that one hundred thousand dollars less is estimated to be produced by the sale of the Government's land in 1905 under this heading, not having been realized. On Thursday last, however, in his opening remarks to the Council, His Excellency stated that "the Government's land sale, which was expected to be a bright side because of the new land being obtained from land sales during the year, is now more nearly approximating the original estimate of \$100,000 than the revised estimate, which I put before you on the 7th September of \$400,000." If, when Sir Matthew made the statement, he had in mind the prospective proceeds of the sale, by auction, of the Crown at Kau U Fong, then the result must be disappointing to the Government as it is to the general community.

For the past week particulars of sale of eight Crown lots at Kau U Fong were widely advertised throughout the Colony. The lots aggregated 12,931 square feet and were put up at the uniform upset price of \$7 per square foot.

It was the general opinion that the Government estimated too high the value of the land in that particular locality in the present condition of the money market and the sluggishness of the estate market. So that to those competent to form an opinion the failure to secure a single bid for any one of the eight lots was not at all surprising.

At the appointed hour of sale, there was a large gathering of interested individuals—mostly Chinese—and a few Europeans on the site. Mr. J. C. Rose, the Government surveyor, offered the lot first and was followed by others, for seven not having been offered at all. To his request for bids, none of the spectators made any response. Opinions being exchanged that "the price was too high." It should be remembered that, nominally, the price was \$7 a foot. In reality the price worked out at \$10 a foot, since under the Building Ordinance only two-thirds of the superficial area can be utilized for building purposes, the provision of backyards rendering the sacrifice, from the purchaser's point of view, of about a third of the actual ground space.

BASEBALL.

On Saturday afternoon at Causeway Bay, the team from the U.S.S. *Raleigh* won the second of the series of games played with the Hongkong Baseball Club, thereby carrying off the silver cup presented by Messrs. Grey & Co.

Though the shore team put up a much better game than before, they are not yet a match for their stronger and better drilled opponents.

The game started with Griffin pitching, and the *Raleigh* pounded him freely to the tune of 4 runs in the first innings. It must be said, however, that in this innings, he was not well supported, and the fielders juggled and played with the ball, while the visitors ran bases. Probably this was due to the effects of Home boys' new uniforms worn for the first time. Later in the game, Rutledge was put in the box and proved himself a good twister, by pitching a careful steady game. After the players settled down there was some good fielding by all, every player distinguishing himself by nailing some long "fies" in deep centre in a way to do credit to a professional.

The visitors have a fine well-trained team and play winning ball. Simple was in good form and pitched well, the Hongkong players finding it very difficult to connect with his deceptive curves and drop; he was well supported by his team in all parts of the field, the *Raleigh* letting very few hits get through them and succeeding in making a couple of pretty double plays.

That more interest is being taken in this sport is shown by the larger number of spectators—including a number of ladies—who flocked out to watch the game, and there would probably have been more had it not been for the stronger attraction—the Regatta. The line up and score by innings is as follows:—

U.S.S. <i>Raleigh</i>	Hongkong.
Evans, Catcher	O'Brien
Wheeler, Pitcher	Griffin & Rutledge
Wheeler, 1st Base	McHugh
Bennett, 2nd Base	Wheeler, 2nd Base
Bennett, 3rd Base	MacPherson
Fuchs, Short Stop	Allen
Green, Left Field	Thomas & Griffin
Slavin, Center Field	Avery
Rougau, Right Field	Gray & Thomas

RUNS BY INNINGS.

Innings 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Raleigh 4, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0=11

Hongkong 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0=1

CRICKET MATCH.

CIVIL SERVICE, "A" TEAM V. KOWLOON "A" TEAM.

The return match between these cricket teams took place at the Paddy Valley on Saturday last, and ended, after a very pleasant game, in a victory for the Civil Service by 155 runs, the previous match on December and was won by the Kowloon team so that honours are now even. It is to be hoped that another match can be arranged to settle which is the better team.

The matches between these teams are always well-contested and a very keen, healthy and sporting feeling exists between them.

Without doubt it is a very wise course for any club to pursue to encourage matches between the A teams, thereby keeping men into shape for the representative eleven. Any club, community, or society which desires to keep pace with the times must encourage and develop its talent, to be able to keep up its wicket up against repeated changes of bowling and patiently wait one's opportunity to score in a very fine trial-in many characters.

SCORES.

Kowloon A Team 55
Civil Service A Team 170
Contributed.

SATURDAY'S issue of *Shanghai Morning News* contains a long and interesting article on the subject of the "The Hibernian Journal," in which Mr. Claude Montefiore is mentioned as having written the article. The article is a very interesting one, and is well worth reading. It is a very good example of the kind of journalism that is being done in Shanghai.

RUSSIAN ADMIRAL

VISITS H.K. THE GOVERNOR.

This morning Admiral Jenson, in command of the small fleet—consisting of the *Vladivostok*, *Grasshopper*, Russian cruisers now here, paid an official visit to His Excellency the Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, and subsequently to His Excellency Major-General Villiers. His Excellency the Governor will return the call of the Admiral on Wednesday, His Excellency Major-General Villiers. His Excellency the Governor will return the call of the Admiral on Wednesday, His Excellency Major-General Villiers.

These cruisers will remain here until the 19th inst., for the purpose of coaling and provisioning, after the completion of which they will continue their voyage homeward to Russia.

TAIKOO CLUB DANCE.

The first of a series of quadrille parties was successfully inaugurated at the Taikoo Club on Saturday evening, and quite a large number of Japaneese devotees were in attendance. Prominent among the guests were—Mr. and Mrs. Oxbury; Mr. and Mrs. and Miss M. (Hokins); Mr. and Mrs. McLeod; Mr. and Mrs. (Grimshaw); Mr. and Mrs. Morpelt; Mr. (Daneberg); and Messrs. Woodruff, R.E. and (Daneberg). The floor, thanks to the exertions of an energetic committee, had been brought to a state of perfection; and this contributed in no small degree to the excellence of the dancing. Shortly after eight o'clock, many merry couples were executing the preliminary waltz with unexcelled ease and agility, under the direction of Mr. McLeod, who performed the duties of an M.C. in a very efficient manner. While watching the lancers, spectators beheld with admiration the beautiful kaleidoscopic character of the touts ensemble, as the bright costumes of the ladies were alternatively intermingled with the sombre-hued garments of the men. A dance with features new to many was next indulged in, and everyone felt charmed with the graceful gliding movements embodied in the waltz. Encouraged by the success of others, erstwhile "wallflowers" were induced to join in the dance of *Albergo*, and acquitted themselves with credit. The next item to command attention was a musical sketch entitled "Home Sweet Home" given by Mr. Roberts, R.E., followed on the request of the audience, by an amusing rendering of the "Minstrel Boy." This was succeeded in quick succession by the ever popular school-hic, a lively baro dance, a newly executed quadrille, and a dreamy waltz. At the conclusion of each dance refreshments were served out to the guests by the willing members of the club committee under the supervision of the patiently genial Mr. Bassford. Mr. Oxbury provided an agreeable interlude in the shape of a charming song, and Mr. Daneberg increased the merriment of the occasion by means of "present medicine," which he assured his audience, was the most powerful panacea in existence. The recital of "The Fireman's Wedding" by Mr. Grimshaw was greeted with loud and continued applause that had scarcely subsided ere the dancers attempted the intricate gyrations motions so characteristic of the Circassian circle. It must be here remarked that one of the most pleasing features of the function was the excellent dancing of the debutantes, conspicuous among whom was Miss M. (Hokins) who elicited universal encomium by her faultless performance of every dance on the programme. Upon the finish of the Circassian circle, Mr. Hardwick as chairman of the Taikoo Club thanked the guests for their co-operation in making the party an unqualified success. He also tendered thanks and congratulations to Messrs. Roberts and Davis to whom the Club was deeply indebted for the extremely delightful music, and to Mr. V.C. who had so willingly officiated as master of ceremonies. With the announcement that the next dance would be held on the 13th December, and the singing of God Save the King, the merry proceedings were fittingly brought to a close.

COMMERCIAL EDUCATION IN SINGAPORE.

A DISAPPOINTING REPORT.

The Chamber of Commerce report on the commercial education examination held by the Chamber on Sept. 25th has just come to hand. The report says that the examination, in inst., can not be called very encouraging, for out of nineteen candidates between the ages of fifteen and seventeen years, in only two cases did the boys do well enough to merit certificates. These two were Tan Lai Ho of *Raffles*, and Michael Cordeiro of St. Joseph's Institution. It is noted, however, that the examination was harder this year than last year. Four means of "present medicine" were given for a test of general intelligence and power of expression of these. The highest percentage of marks obtained was 11.55 out of a total possible of 23, for "what do you understand by the expropriation by Government of the Tanjong Pagar Docks?" The worst answers were received on the question "what are the principal industries of Singapore?" a question which anyone not actually dealing daily with local produce would find it difficult to answer. Pinapples and tin would about sum up the ordinary person's knowledge of the arithmetic standard could not be considered very high, but no candidate worked correctly as soon as the sums got beyond simple calculations. In regard to the shorthand and typewriting sixteen candidates were examined, but five only obtained a full pass. The typing standard of 30 words per minute is apparently still beyond the powers of candidates. It becomes in fact a very open question whether it is possible to make satisfactory shorthand clerks out of boys who apparently have not properly grasped the English language. Five boys obtained a full typewriting pass, Balas, Johnson, Tan Lai Ho, Mohamed Sherif and Abdul Bin Mohamed, but the last named failed in the shorthand. All these we understand came from *Raffles* School which speaks a good deal for the instruction given there as it is understood that these were the only scholars sent from that school. In shorthand the tests were for fifty and seventy words. It is doubtful whether either shorthand or typewriting will be really satisfactory so long as the standard of English remains so low. This fault is due not to the commercial classes, but to the Government teaching in the schools and will have to be remedied before any education here can be considered satisfactory from an English point of view.

THROUGH a printer's omission a flow was left out from our Saturday's report of the arrival of griffins from the North for the coming races. As printed the passage read: "Thirteen of the griffins, namely the chief officer who was supervising the griffins and polishing the griffins, came from Tientsin for Jardine's." What the officer actually said was that thirteen subscription griffins were from the Shanghai Horse Bazaar for the Hongkong Jockey Club, while two polo ponies from Tientsin were consigned to Jardine's.

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Vessels in Port.
 ALEXANDER, Am. ss., 1,785, Gove, 15th Nov.—
 Cavite 9th Nov; Coal—Order.
 ANPING, Ch. ss., 1,150, J. Warwick, 15th Dec.

Shanghai 12th Dec., Gen.—C. M. S. N.
Co.
Aragonia, Ger. s. n., 523, J. Ernst, 13th Dec.,
Portland, Or. s. n. Nov. and Mojl 8th Dec.
Flour.—P. & A. S. S. Co.
Bangkok, Br. s. n., 1537, E. Klunmle, 15th Dec.
—Bangkok 22nd Nov., Rice.—Yuen Fat
1100g.
Chowlat, Ger. s. n., 1115, H. Textor, 14th Dec.
—Bangkok 7th Dec., Rice and Timber.
B. & S. Co.
Dallin Maru, Jap. s. n., 890, H. Ohta, 13th
Dec.—Tamsui, via Amoy and Swatow 14th
Dec., Gen.—C. S. K.
Ohta, Br. s. n., 4743, C. L. Daniel, 14th Dec.—
Hombay 29th Nov., and Singapore 10th

Dec., Manila and Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
Dundas, Br. s.s., 1,054, H. G. Case, 6th Dec.
—Kraksaan (Java), 22nd Nov., Sugar.—D.
& Co.
Dunera, Hr. transport, 3.4, 7, J. Smith, 15th
Dec.—S., mihampton 4th Nov., and Singa-
pore 7 h 1 c.c.
Elder, Nor. s.s., 875, Fingelsen, 5th Dec.—
Canton 4th Dec., Gen.—S. & Co.
Germania, Ger. s.s., 1,000, H. Jügel, 4th Dec.
—Sydney 18th Oct., Copra.—S. & Co.
Helenogle, Br. s.s., 3,399, W. T. Larkins, 14th
Dec.—Rangoon 4th Dec., Gen.—Seang
Taik Hong & Co.
Gregory Aparcar, Br. s.s., 2,051, J. C. Olifant,
11th Dec.—Calcutta 25th Nov., Penang
and Singapore 5th Dec., Gen.—D. &
Co., Ld.
Hooi, Fr. s.s., 730, P. Meades, 15th Dec.—
Haiphong 15th Dec., Rice and Gen.—A.
R. M.
J. Am. s.s., 1,362, Whiton, 7th Dec.—Manila
4th Dec., Coal.—Order.
Malila, Br. s.s., 9,381, A. E. Stebbing, 14th
Dec.—Yokohama via Kobe and Moji 30th
Nov., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Mannhe, Ger. s.s., 935, Island, 15th Dec.—
Haiphong 15th Dec., and Hollow 15th,
Rice, Wood, Pigs and Bullocks.—J. & Co.
Mampol, Fr. s.s., 455, Le Bail, 14th Dec.—
—Quing-chow-wan 15th Dec., Gen.—Chi-
nese.
Ming Fung, Ch. s.s., 1,747, Symons, 15th Dec.
—Amoy 14th Dec., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Anglee, Ch. s.s., 1,468, R. Lincoln, 14 h
Dec.,—Canton 13th Dec., Gen.,—C. M. S.
N. Co.

Artes, Br. s.s., 1,340, J. B. Jackson, 22nd
Nov.,—Saigon 16th Nov., Mea.,—Chinese.

Asiang, Br. s.s., 3,460, P. H. B. Lake, 8th
Dec.,—Cebu 18th Nov., Penang, and
Singapore 2nd Dec., Gen.,—J. M. & Co.

Asongang, Br. s.s., 1,092, A. E. Sandbach, 11th
Dec.,—Manila 8th Dec., Gen.,—J. M. &
Co.

Atnesola, Am. s.s., 13,123, J. H. Rider, 11th
Dec.,—Seattle 5th Nov., and Shanghai 8th
Dec., Gen.,—N. Y. K.

Baklat, Ger. s.s., 1,017, H. Dames, 9th Dec.,—
Bangkok 2nd Dec., Rice and Wood.,—B. &
S.

arch, Ger. s.s., 1,254, Hagar, 12th Dec.—
 Proboling 1st Dec, Sutta, S. W. & Co.
 amise, Nor. s.s., 714, E. Torstensson, 10th
 Dec.—Anping 6th Dec, Gen.—O. S. K.
 sa, Ger. s.s., 3,350, C. Wolff, 8th Dec.—
 Bangkok 30th Nov, Rice.—M. & Co.
 aburi, Ger. s.s., 1,189, O. Koch, 12th Dec.—
 —Anghin 5th Dec, Rice.—M. & Co.
 yalist, Br. s.s., 2,080, W. A. Scott, 24th Nov.—
 —Hongay 21st Nov, Coal.—J. M. & Co.
 men, Ger. s.s., 1,635, F. Reichwaldt, 12th
 Dec.—Bangkok via Hsinhow 3rd Dec,
 Gen.—B. & S.
 ohsing, Br. s.s., 1,309, F. D. Northcombe,
 14th Dec.—Canton 13th Dec, Gen.—B. &
 S.
 ula, Br. s.s., 3,805, C. D. Goldsmith, 14th
 Dec.—Shanghai 12th Dec, Malle and
 Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
 ang, Br. s.s., 1,776, T. A. Mitchell, 6th
 Dec.—Moji (Japan) 1st Dec, Coal.—J. M.
 & Co.

lanman, Nor. s.s., 1,178, S. Petterken, 14th
 Dec.,—Java via Pulo-Sand 1st Dec., Gen.
 —Yuen Fat Hong.
 latjap, Dut. s.s., 7,475, Hr Koops, 13th Dec.,
 —Amy 12th Dec., Gen.—J. C. J. L.
 lashing, Br. s.s., 1,170, M. Courtney, 14th
 Dec.,—Tientsin and Che'oo 8th Dec.,
 Gen.—J., M. & Co.
 ndor, Br. s.s., 1,851, J. B. Ronih, 7th Dec.,
 —Sourabaya 24th Nov., Sugar.—D. & Co.,
 Ltd.
 SAILING VESSELS.
 tic Chief, Br. ship, 1,707, Jones, 9th Nov.—
 Philadelphia, 10th June; Kerosine.—S. O.
 Co.
 Br. bq., 823, Wright, 16th Nov.—West
 Australia 4th Aug., Nandall Wood.—S. &
 Co.
 nla, Br. 4-masted bq., 5,087, Casson, 13th
 Dec.,—Cardiff 4th July, Patent Fuel—
 Naval Yard.

Ships Passed The Canal.
 outward—20th October—*Flynn*, Ohio, St. Petersburg, Tomkin. 24th October—*Claverhill*, Alaska, Marwarri. 28th October—*Friam*, October—*Atama*, Paitan, Indrapooya. November—17th October—*Batmond*, arrivals at Home—24th October—*Freus*, Kennabie, Malacca. 28th October—*Roos*, come, Benlarig, Laos, Rhenania. 31st October—*Star*, Austria, Pak, Ling, Candia. November—*Caylon*, Siam, Siamoa. November—*Hohnstiller*, Ulysses, Arr. 16th November—*Raralong*, Scandia. November—*Bayern*, *Oraetis*, Nubia. October. 21st. November—*Alcazova*, Glenwy, November—*Bentley*, Banca. 28th November—*Barotse*, Paralia, Oceania. 28th November—*Stien*, (Gen) Siam, Zetsum, December—*Ranch*, Siam, Siam. December—*Staria Blanca*, Azemomun, Slovania. December—*Pera*, 11th December—*Den*, dalm, Prinnist, Alfa, Dismud.

	Dec. 14 at 14 km	Dec. 14 at 6 km
Barometric	30.16	30.03
Temperature	51	66
Humidity	80	80
Relative	—	—

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

A NEW CODE.

We have received from the Hongkong Observatory a new code of meteorological signals which comes into force at Hongkong on New Year's Day. They are the same as those at present in use at Shanghai, and will be hoisted on the mast beside the time-ball at Kowloon Point for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected. The signals are as follows:—

A cone point upwards indicates a typhoon to the North of the Colony.

A cone point upwards and drum below indicates a typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.

A drum indicates a typhoon to the East of the Colony.

A cone point downwards and drum below indicates a typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.

A cone point downwards indicates a typhoon to the South of the Colony.

A cone point downwards and ball below indicates a typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.

A ball indicates a typhoon to the West of the Colony.

A cone point upwards and ball below indicates a typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving the harbour.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

Two lanterns hoisted vertically indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to veer.

Two lanterns hoisted horizontally indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to back.

The signals are repeated on the flagstaff of the Godown Company at Kowloon, and also, by day only, at the Harbour Office and on H.M.'s Receiving Ship.

LOCAL STORM-WARNINGS.

The Colony itself is warned of approaching typhoons by means of the Typhoon Gun placed at the foot of the mast, which is fired whenever a strong gale of wind is expected to blow here.

NOTICE BOARDS.

Notice boards are placed at—
Joint Cable Companies' Office.
Ferry Company's Pier, Ice House Street.
Blake Pier.
Post Office.
Harbour Office.
Ferry Company's Pier, Kowloon.

WEATHER-FORECASTS AND STORM-WARNINGS are exhibited on the above boards daily about 11 a.m., and also at other hours, day or night, whenever necessary. Information of importance is also issued by "Express."

THE CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER is exhibited at the same places daily about noon. It contains observations made at Hongkong and at a number of stations in the Far East, together with *Remarks, Weather-forecasts, and information regarding the existence and movements of typhoons* based thereon.

SPECIAL INQUIRIES.

Masters of vessels or their agents may, whenever necessary, call at the Telegraph Company's Office in Connaught Road and send telegrams to the Observatory asking for special information without charge. Such inquiries may also be sent from the Police Station at Kowloon Point which is connected with the Observatory by telephone.

THE LAW OF STORMS.

Further information concerning the weather to be expected while signals are hoisted, and sailing directions, are given in "The Law of Storms in the Eastern Seas."

F. G. FIDG,
Acting Director,
Hongkong Observatory, and January, 1904.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

1, ICE HOUSE ROAD.

HONGKONG.

CABLE ADDRESS.—Telegraph, Hongkong.

THE leading English Newspaper in China. Also widely circulated in Japan, Ceylon, China, Ceylon, India and the Far East generally.

A daily newspaper with weekly edition published for despatch by the homeward mail. The daily is recommended as more generally suitable, except for subscribers in Europe or America.

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ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT.

The *Hongkong Telegraph* is the best medium for advertising in China. It circulates largely among all classes of the community, is the largest daily newspaper and has a wider circulation than any journal in the Far East.

Special attention given to effectively displaying advertisements.

The type used as a standard for setting advertisements is similar to this, unless we are instructed to display the advertisement, when any effective style of type will be adopted. This standard runs exactly eight lines to the inch, and about eight words to the line.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

Notices of Births, Deaths, and Marriages. \$1 each insertion in the Daily and Weekly.

CONTRACT ADVERTISEMENTS.

Special Rates for standing advertisements can be ascertained from the Manager.

Advertisements for the Daily should reach the *Hongkong Telegraph* Office not later than noon of the day they are intended to appear.

Unless otherwise specified all advertisements will be repeated and charged for until countermanded.

JOBING DEPARTMENT.

Job Printing of all descriptions undertaken.

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SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Supplied by Messrs. BENJAMIN, KELLY & PORTER. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 3.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT. RESERVE.	AT WORKING ACCOUNT.	LAST DIVIDEND.	RETURN AT PRESENT QUOTATION.	CLOSING QUOTATION.
BANKS.								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	\$125	\$115	\$1,000,000 \$8,500,000 \$950,000	\$1,702,728	{ £1 15/- @ exchange 1/104 = \$18.66 67/100 for first half-year 1905	6 1/2	£87 1/2 London 2/2 \$18 buyers
National Bank of China, Limited.....	90,925	£7	£5	\$200,000	\$41,768	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1905	6 1/2	\$18 buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.								
Antion Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,000,000 \$147,855	\$211,540	\$20 for 1904	6 1/2	\$30 sellers
China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	\$500,000 \$111,992 \$362,466 \$371,445	Nil.	\$4 1/2 for year ended 30.1.1904	5 1/2	\$10
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£5	£100,000 Tls. 100,000 Tls. 50,000	Tls. 302,953	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1904	5 1/2	Tls. 60 sales
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$100	\$2,000,000 \$311,453 \$1,043,910 \$1,152,364	\$2,339,112	\$4 1/2 for 1904	5 1/2	1735
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	8,000	\$100	\$60	\$500,000 \$5,000 \$1,000,000	\$486,284	\$12 and \$3 special dividend for 1903	8 1/2	\$170
FIRE INSURANCES.								
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$1,000,000 \$218,933 \$1,200,505	\$339,047	\$6 dividend & \$1 bonus for 1903	12 1/2	\$67
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,000,000	\$360,372	\$34 for 1903	11 1/2	\$350
SHIPPING.								
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited.....	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$5,000 \$261,638	\$8,832	\$1 for 1904	5 1/2	\$20
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$88,041 \$250,000 \$600,000 \$145,375	Nil.	\$3 1/2 for year ended 30.6.1905	10 1/2	\$35 buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamship Co., Ltd. ...	20,000	\$15	\$15	\$1,000,000 \$241,150 \$23,999	18,074	\$1 for first half-year 1905	8 1/2	\$15 sales
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited ...	60,000	£10	£10	£1,000,000 Tls. 25,000	£4,431	12/- @ 1/104 = \$6.20 51/100 for 1904	6 1/2	\$93 buyers
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited.....	200,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 45,762	Tls. 43,762	{ Interim of Tls. 2 for 1905 Interim of Tls. 1 1/2 for 1905	8 1/2	Tls. 58 buyers
Do. (Preference)	100,000	£1	£1	£4,116	£58,852	Interim of 1/- (Coupon No. 5) for 1904	4 1/2	Tls. 47 buyers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited.....	1,000,000	\$10	\$10	\$25,000 \$24,337	\$929	{ (\$1.80) for year ending 30.4.1905 (\$5.90)	5 1/2	\$32
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited.....	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$400,000 \$21,775	\$21,231	\$10 for 1904	7 1/2	\$43
Straits Steamship Company, Limited	5,000	100	100	Tls. 98,000 Tls. 195,479 Tls. 28,000 Tls. 81,200	Tls. 4,333	Interim of Tls. 2 for 1905	9 1/2	Tls. 55 buyers
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	...	...	...	...	...
REFINERIES.								
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	\$450,000 \$1,000,000	\$42,812	Interim of \$10 for 1905	9 1/2	\$205
Yunnan Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	\$100	none	\$85,087	\$3 for 1897	...	\$25 sales
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 100,000	Tls. 3,723	Tls. 2 1/2 for year ending 30.9.04	...	Tls. 65 sales
MINING.								
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.....	1,000,000	£1	£1	£80,000 £26,011	£13,355	Final of 1/- (No. 5)	...	Tls. 870 sellers
Oriental Consolidated Mining Company, Limited	500,000	G. \$10	G. \$10	none	G \$672,093	Interim of 50 cents (gold) for 1905 (No. 5)	...	G. \$18 buyers
South Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	50,000	£1	£1	£4,873	£8,745	No. 12 of 1/- = 48 cents	...	\$31 buyers
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.								
Farnham (S. C.) Boyd & Co., Limited	55,200	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 1,000,000	Tls. 34,924	Final of Tls. 8 making Tls. 13 for 1904/5	10 1/2	Tls. 130 sales
Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	12,000	\$25	\$25	\$70,000	\$8,577	\$2.75 for 1904 on old capital	...	\$24 1/2
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown, Co., Ltd.	40,000	\$50	100	\$250,000 \$10,000 \$300,000	\$29,422	Interim of \$2 1/2 for 1905	4 1/2	\$100
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$50	\$50	\$47,500	\$501,332	\$6 for first half-year 1904	7 1/2	\$164
New Amoy Dock Company, Limited	10,000	\$6 1/2	\$6 1/2	\$15,500	Dr. 10,360	\$1 1/2 for 1903	7 1/2	\$17
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Company	32,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 47,210 Tls. 59,880	Tls. 10,712	Interim of Tls. 6 for 1905	5 1/2	Tls. 207 1/2 sellers
Yangtze Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.....	2,500	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 19,500	Tls. 2,762	Tls. 18 for 1904	9 1/2	Tls. 200 sellers
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDING.								
Astor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai) ...	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$14,556 Tls. 34,000 Tls. 8,000	\$9,028	\$2 1/2 for year ended 30.6.1905	9 1/2	\$27 sellers
Astor House Hotel, Limited (Tientsin)	6,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 8,000	Tls. 806	Interim of Tls. 5 for year 1905/6	8 1/2	Tls. 125 buyers
Central Stores, Limited	2,000	\$15	\$12	\$20,000	\$1,502	{ Final of 60 cents making \$1.80 for 1904 None	12 1/2	\$15
Do. (Founders)	123	\$15	\$12	...	...	Preferential of 7 per cent for 1904	7 1/2	\$7 1/2 sales
Do. (New Issue)	24,000	\$15	\$12	...	...	...	...	...
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$648,975 \$31,087	\$10,126	\$5 for first half-year 1905	6 1/2	\$150 buyers
Honglong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. ...	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$250,000	\$37,875	Interim of \$3 1/2 for 1905	5 1/2	\$125 sellers
Hotel des Colonies Company, Limited (Shanghai) ...	9,000	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	Tls. 20,986	Tls. 7,202	Interim of Tls. 1	15 1/2	Tls. 16
Hotel Metropole Company, Limited	2,000	\$100	\$100	\$200,000	First year	Final of \$6 making \$10	9 1/2	\$102 1/2
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$200,000	\$11,958	90 cents for 1904	7 1/2	\$12 sales
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	\$50	\$50	none	\$377	\$3 for 1904	7 1/2	\$40 buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	12,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 828,813 Tls. 170,000	Tls. 40,666	Interim of Tls. 3 for 1905	6 1/2	Tls. 120 sellers
Tientsin Hotel des Colonies, Limited.....	1,400	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 67,300	Tls. 670	Interim of Tls. 3 for 1905	12 1/2	Tls. 45 sellers
Tientsin Land Investment Company, Limited	7,716	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 67,300	Tls. 725	Interim of Tls. 3 for 1905	6 1/2	Tls. 115 sellers
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	none	\$1,247	Interim of \$1 1/2 for 1905	6 1/2	\$55 sellers
COTTON MILLS.								
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd....	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	Tls. 12,844	Tls. 4 for year ended 31.10.1903	7 1/2	Tls. 55 sellers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	175,000	\$10	\$10	\$30,000	\$23,164	\$1 for the year ending 31.7.05	7 1/2	\$14
Indo-Chinese Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd....	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 100,000	Tls. 18,718	Interim of 3 1/2 a/c 1898	...	Tls. 40 sales
Lao-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	none	Tls. 10,000	Interim of 4 1/2 a/c 1898	...	Tls. 60 sales
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 5,658	Tls. 22,050	4 1/2 for 1897	...	Tls. 250 buyers
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Anglo-German Brewing Company, Limited	4,000	\$100	\$100	none	\$20	None	...	\$100
Pell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,664	12/6	12/6	\$2,314	\$770	1 1/2 per share for 1904	11 1/2	\$7
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	\$10	none	\$118	\$3 for 1904	10 1/2	\$30
China-Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	Tls. 30,000	Tls. 718	\$1 for 1904	...	\$10 sellers
China Flour Mill Co., Limited	4,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 30,000	Tls. 718	Interim of Tls. 5 for 1905	...	Tls. 50 sales
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	none	\$3,739	None	...	Tls. 80
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd. ...	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$8,000	\$1,881	80 cents for 1904	8 1/2	\$95 sales
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	25,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	\$15,000	\$2,864	\$1.20 for year ending 31.7.1905	7 1/2	\$10 sellers
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$500,000	\$95,054	\$2 for 1904	7 1/2	\$28 buyers
Hall & Holz, Limited	21,000	\$20	\$20	\$186,000	\$7,551	Final of \$1 1/2 making \$2 1/2	10 1/2	\$35
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	30,000	\$10	\$10	none	\$2,151	{ \$100 cents for year ending 30.4.1905 50 cents	6 1/2	\$15
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Company, Ltd.	1,350	\$100	\$100	\$50,000	\$2,796	\$15 for year ending 30.11.1904	7 1/2	\$225
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	\$50,000	\$5,356	Interim of \$4 for 1905	7 1/2	\$25 buyers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	\$50	\$50	\$2,500	\$17,137	Final of 50 cents making \$1 for the year	7 1/2	\$150 buyers
Hongkong Steam Waterboat Company, Limited	15,000	\$10	\$10	none	\$21,582	Interim of \$5 for 1904	9 1/2	\$128 buyers
Lane, Crawford & Co., Limited (Shanghai)	2,500	\$100	\$100	Tls. 528,210	Tls. 35,849	{ 4th interim of Tls. 7 1/2 paid 15.12.05 making in all Tls. 2 1/2 for 1905	10 1/2	Tls. 207 1/2 ex div
Maatschappij tot Mijn- en Landbouw-planten in Langkat, Limited	25,000	Gs. 100	Gs. 100	Tls. 19,465	Dr. Tls. 17,638	Tls. 5 for 1905	...	Tls. 25 sellers
Mondon (E. C.) Limited	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	Dr. P. \$55,019	None	...	Tls. 25 buyers
Philippine Company, Limited	67,500	\$10	\$10	none	Dr. P. \$55,019	None	...	\$50
Shanghai & Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co., Ltd.	11,200	\$50	\$50	Tls. 145,000	Dr. P. \$55,019	Interim of Tls. 3 1/2 for 1905	7 1/2	Tls. 150 buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Limited	16,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 108,172	Tls. 8,011	Tls. 6 for 1904	8 1/2	Tls. 70
Shanghai Horse Bazaar Company, Limited	5,400	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 45,000	Tls. 9,751	Interim of Tls. 6 for 1905	9 1/2	Tls. 150
Shanghai Pulp and Paper Company, Limited	4,500	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 25,000	Tls. 6,068	Interim of Tls. 2	7 1/2	Tls. 64 buyers
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	50,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	Tls. 24,820	Tls. 1,397	Interim of 15/- for 1905	14 1/2	Tls. 150 buyers
Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited.....	7,200	£20	£20	Tls. 170,000	Tls. 17,220	None	...	\$20
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	none	Dr. \$5,068	10 cents for year ended 31.5.05	7 1/2	\$7
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	22,000	\$5	\$5	none	\$1,134	\$5 for 1905	7 1/2	\$100 buyers
Straits Ice Company, Limited	2,000	\$100	\$100	\$25,000	\$700	Final of Tls. 1 1/2 making Tls. 8 1/2 for 1904/5	7 1/2	Tls. 135
Tientsin Waterworks Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 15,295	Tls. 1,012	80 cents for year ending 31.5.1905	7 1/2	\$5
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	6,000	\$10	\$10	\$22,000	\$551	{ \$100 cents for year ending 31.5.1905 50 cents	11 1/2	\$10
Do. (Founders)	100	\$10	\$10	\$200,000	...	Interim of 50 cents for 1905	...	\$12 buyers
Watson, (A. S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$500,000 \$15,000	\$6,006	Final of 100 cents making \$1.20 for year 1904/5	11 1/2	\$11 buyers
William Powell, Limited	15,000	\$10	\$10	\$4,500	\$976	...	...	...

Intimation.

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON
MONDAY AND TUESDAY,
the 18th and 19th December, 1905, at 10 A.M.
each day, at 4, M. NAVAL YARD,
SUNDRY NAVAL VICTUALLING,
OBSOLETE AND CONDEMNED
STORES,
Comprising:—
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IMPLEMENTS, CASKS and
CASK STAVES, CLOTHING MATERIALS
and WINTER CLOTHING (in good condition).
Catalogues will be issued.
TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1905. [1233]

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Registrar, Supreme Court, to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON
MONDAY,
the 18th December, 1905, at 11 A.M., at their
Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road,
corner of Ice House Street,
A QUANTITY OF
GOLD AND SILVER JEWELRY,
Comprising:—
CLOCKS, WATCHES, RINGS,
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TERMS:—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1905. [1237]

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,
ON
TUESDAY,
the 19th December, 1905, at 2.30 P.M., at their
Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road,
corner of Ice House Street,
A QUANTITY OF
MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES,
Comprising:—
UMBRELLAS, BOOTS, WATER-
PROOF, TELESCOPES, SEXANTAS,
BINOCULARS, BILLIARD CUPS, MICROSCOPES,
HALF-PLATE CAMERAS,
CLOTHING, CLOCKS, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS,
CUTLERY, &c., &c., &c.
Catalogues will be issued.
TERMS:—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1905. [1242]

PUBLIC AUCTION.
BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES
OF
VALUABLE LEASEHOLD
PROPERTY
situate at Queen's Road Central, in the Colony
of Hongkong, to be sold in One Lot,
ON
TUESDAY,
the 19th day of December, 1905, at 3 P.M.,
BY
MR. GEO. W. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer,
at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, Victoria.
The Premises are registered in the Land
Office as SECTION A of MARINE LOT
No. 18 with the Messuages and Buildings
thereon, known as Nos. 99 and 101, Queen's
Road Central, and are held from the Crown for
the residue of the term of 999 years.
Annual Crown Rent \$46.
For further particulars and conditions of
sale, apply to—
EWENS, HARTSON & HARDING,
Vendors Solicitors,
or to
MR. GEO. W. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1905. [1240]

To Let.

TO LET.
A FOUR-ROOMED HOUSE, at No. 5,
Rose Terrace, Robins Road, Kowloon.
Possession from the 15th December.
Apply to—
THE COMRADORE,
Messrs. Barretto & Co.,
Hongkong, 11th December, 1905. [1237]

TO LET.
NOS. 10 & 15, KNUITSFORD TERRACE,
KOWLOON.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1905. [1177]

TO LET.
GODOWN No. 3, NEW PRAYA, Kennedy
Town.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 27th June, 1905. [692]

TO LET.
A BUILDING at CAUSEWAY BAY, formerly
in occupation of the Steam Laundry
Co., Ltd.
No. 17, WONG-NEI-CHONG ROAD.
No. 3, CLIFTON GARDENS, Conduit
Road.
No. 1, RIFON TERRACE.
FLATS in MORETON TERRACE, facing
NAUGHT ROAD (near BEAK PIER).
GODOWNS: PRAYA EAST.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 22d December, 1905. [69]

Insurance.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.
THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above
Company are prepared to accept First
Class, FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at
CURRENT RATES.
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1905. [152]

Hotels.

KING EDWARD HOTEL.

A HIGH CLASS PRIVATE HOTEL.

LADIES' AFTERNOON TEA-ROOMS.
PRIVATE BAR and BILLIARD-ROOMS.
HOT and COLD WATER throughout.
ELECTRICALLY LIGHTED. ELECTRIC FANS
(if required).
ELECTRIC PASSENGER ELEVATOR to each
floor.
TABLE D'HOTE at separate table.
For Terms, &c., apply to the—
MANAGER.
Hongkong, 4th December, 1905. [1195]

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL.

EXCELLENT CUISINE.

MODERATE PRICES.

ELECTRIC FANS
TO ORDER IN
EVERY ROOM.
EUROPEAN MANAGEMENT.
ELGIN ROAD, KOWLOON.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1904. [127]

ORIENTAL HOTEL, MACAO.

A FIRST CLASS HOTEL situated in the
Centre of Praya Grande with splendid
view of the Harbour.

LARGE AND LOFTY ROOMS,
Elegantly Furnished.
EXCELLENT CUISINE.
WINES AND SPIRITS of the best quality.
BILLIARD TABLE, the best in the Far East.
EVERY COMFORT FOR RESIDENTS AND
TOURISTS.
For Terms, &c., apply to—
THE MANAGER.
Macao, 16th October, 1905. [1880]

For Sale.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY,
LIMITED.
PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 375 lbs. net, \$4.75 per Cask
ex Factory.
In Bags of 250 lbs. net, \$2.80 per Bag
ex Factory.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 30th September, 1905. [150]

TUBORG BEER.

A FIRST CLASS PILSENER BEER
guaranteed free from Salicylic Acid,
and any other Chemicals.
Price \$1.50 per case of 48 bottles (quantity)
or 6 doz. pints.
Special Prices for Quantities.
Sole Agents—
SIEMSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. [157]

THE FAMOUS "MAB" RAZOR
WEIGHT LESS THAN 2 OUNCES
THIS DWARF RAZOR has superseded
the old fashioned clumsy Razor and by
its use Shaving becomes a pleasure. It is
manufactured in Sheffield, England, from a
special amalgam of steel which makes imita-
tion impossible, and in consequence it enjoys
the largest sale of any Razor in the World.
Thousands of Testimonials testify that the
little "MAB" is the finest shaving implement
ever produced.
Will be mailed to any address on receipt of
the price (\$2), post free.
To be obtained from THE MUTUAL STORES,
WATKINS, LIMITED, and all first-class stores
in the Colony.
Sole Agents for Far East, HOWARD & Co.,
29, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong.
Agents wanted in every port.
For particulars and terms, apply to—
HOWARD & Co.
Hongkong, 24th November, 1904. [61]

FOR SALE.

INCANDESCENT
GASOLINE
LAMPS
OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS,
from the best makers.

INCANDESCENT
MANTLES,
CHIMNEYS,
GLOBES,
SHADES, &c.,
for
GASOLINE AND GAS
LAMPS
at the most moderate
prices.

Lamps fixed up for
Buyers free of charge.
Naptha of the best
kind kept in stock.

TAI KWONG CO.,
58, Lyndhurst Terrace,
Hongkong, 20d May, 1905. [144]

**WILTSHIRE
HARRIS'S
BACON & HAMS**
As Supplied to
His Majesty
The KING
Gold Medals PARIS 1889 & 1900
Royal Warrant
HARRIS'S CAMEL BRAND
REPRESENTATIVES FOR HONGKONG & CHINA,
HOWARD & Co.,
29, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1905. [179]

"AS THE LOVING ARM"

R. L. S.

BY ALDIA DUNBAR.

What time I plan to give all care the slip
One little book I carry in my scrip
To cheer my soul along the common way—
Each friend of mind, or sties be gold or gray.
Its light-heart humor warms the chilly air,
And makes a feast of plain and scanty fare.
I read a verse when paths grow rough to climb,
Then tread on gaily to the lulling time.
Yet must I pause to greet my brother man,
To aid him with his burden when I can.
Else would those well-known leaves look scorn
at me.
As traitor to our pact of sympathy.
Would I not lose great joy of pilgrimage,
Without the gentle soul on each blithe page?
It is the sum of rare good-fellowship,
One little book I carry in my scrip!
—From *The Independent*.

ROYAL TOUR IN INDIA.

THE PRINCE'S FIRST TIGER.

Jaipur, November 22nd.—To-day was almost
wholly given over to hunting, and the Prince
had his first shot at a tiger. The conditions
were unpromising. Although tigers were
known to be in the vicinity, there was no news
of a recent kill and it was at one time doubtful
if an attempt could be made. After lunch,
however, it was decided to have a try, and the
Prince, accompanied by Sir Pertab Singh,
General Stuart Beaton, and the Hon. Derrick
Koppel, started. They drove for the first ten
miles, teams of six horses being required to
draw the carriages, over the sand. Then,
mounting elephants, they proceeded to the
shooting platform, and the best commenced.
The country was sandy and covered with a
scrub which gave a fair amount of cover. A
tiger was on the move when the shooting party
arrived, and very soon a fine beast came
galloping through the scrub. The Prince's first
shot struck him just behind the near shoulder,
and bowled him over. As the brute was
writhing on the ground the Prince fired his
second shot and killed him. It turned out to
be a fine beast just under nine feet long. The
Prince's first tiger, and indeed his first big
game, was killed with a facility the oldest
hunter might envy. The tiger was a good
120 yards from his platform and galloping,
by no means easy shot, but the Prince's first
bullet practically settled him. The Prince
fired three shots, the first wounding the tiger
in the spine and two in the shoulder, finally
finishing him. Curiously enough His Royal
Highness's father killed his first tiger at Jaipur
on his memorable tour thirty years ago. The
Prince was delighted with his afternoon, as
indeed he had every reason to be. The party
at once returned to the Residency.

Intimations.

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAM-
WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED,
IN LIQUIDATION.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.	Every 30 minutes.
7.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m.	Every 10 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
8.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.	Every 10 minutes.
9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS.

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m.
every half hour.

SUNDAYS.

8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.	Every 30 minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	Every 10 minutes.
11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

1 Extra cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.
SPECIAL CARS by Arrangement at the
Company's Office, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS,
Des Voeux Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
Liquidators.
Hongkong, 12th July, 1905. [165]

Intimations.

FOUNDED IN HONOUR.

No doubt you have seen in the papers such
announcements as this—concerning some
medicine or other—"If, on trial, you write that
this medicine has done you no good we will
refund your money." Now, we have never had
reason to speak in that way, concerning the
remedy named in this article. In a trade
extending throughout the world, nobody has
ever complained that our medicine "has failed,"
or asked for the return of his money. The
public never grumbles at honestly and skillfully
made bread, or at a medicine which really and
actually does what it was made to do. The
foundations of

WAMPOLE'S PREPARATION
are laid in sincerity and honour, the knowledge
of which on the part of the people explains its
popularity and success. There is nothing to
disguise or conceal. It was not dreamed out
or discovered by accident; it was studied out,
on the solid principles of applied medical
science. It is palatable as honey and contains
all the nutritive and curative properties of Pure
Cod Liver Oil, extracted by us from fresh cod
livers, combined with the Compound Syrup of
Hypophosphites and the Extracts of Malt and
Wild Cherry. This remedy is praised by all
who have employed it in any of the diseases it
is recommended to relieve, and cure, and is
effective from the first dose. In Anemia,
Scrofula, Nervous and General Debility, In-
fluenza, La Grippe, and Throat and Lung
Troubles, it is a specific. It is precisely what
it is said to be, and has won the confidence of
the public on that basis. You may resort to it
with a faith and hope that arise from the history
of what it has done for others. Dr. Thos. Hun-
stucky says: "The continued use of it in my
practice, convinces me that it is the most
palatable, least nauseating, and best prepara-
tion now on the market." One bottle proves
its intrinsic value. "You cannot be dis-
appointed in it." Sold by chemists throughout
the world.

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY
OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
OF THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY
OF CANTON, LIMITED, will be held at the
Registered Office of the Society, No. 1, Queen's
Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong,
on WEDNESDAY, the 20th day of December,
1905, at 12 o'clock, Noon, when the subjoined
Resolution will be proposed:—

"That the Capital of the Society be increased
to \$1,000,000 by the creation of 2,500
additional ordinary shares of \$40 each
(whereof \$100,000 shall be credited as paid-
up) ranking for dividend and in all other
respects pari passu with the existing or-
dinary shares of the Society; and that the
said additional shares, so far as shall be
necessary for the purpose, be issued to
those shareholders of the 'HIN' TRADERS
INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, who
have accepted or shall accept the Society's
offer made to them on the 25th August,
1905, such issue being in accordance with
the terms of a contract or memorandum
in writing made or to be made pursuant
to the said offer and to be filed with the
Registrar of Companies; and that the
balance, if any, of the said additional
shares be disposed of by the Board in
such manner as it shall think most bene-
ficial to the Society."

Should the Resolution be passed by the re-
quired majority it will be submitted for con-
firmation as a Special Resolution to a second
Extraordinary Meeting which will be subse-
quently convened.
Dated the 7th day of December, 1905.
By Order of the Board,
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.

[1213]

A. CHAZALON & CO.

6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

NOTED for their WINES, SPIRITS
and PROVISIONS of which they have
always a large assortment in stock.

The oldest established EUROPEAN
BAKERS in the Colony.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1905. [978]

F. BLACKHEAD & CO., HIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS, COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, HANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.

GROUND FLOOR,
ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING,
HONGKONG.

SOAP AND SODA MANUFACTURERS.

SOLE AGENTS FOR
HARTMANN'S RAHTIEN'S GENUINE
COMPOSITION RED HAND
BRAND, HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT,
DAIMLER'S PATENT MOTOR
LAUNCHES,
&c., &c., &c.

Sole Agents for
FERGUSON'S SPECIAL CREAM
V. & O. SPECIAL LIQUOR SCOTCH
WHISKY, &c.

EVERY KIND OF
SHIPS STORES AND REQUISITES
ALWAYS IN STOCK.

REASONABLE PRICES.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1905. [164]

BOO-CHONG,
STATIONER AND PAPER MERCHANT,
No. 20, FORT STREET.

HAS always on hand all varieties of
Stationery, Printing and Note Papers,
Carriage Papers, also Automatic Cylinders
and Enigma Duplication.
Hongkong, 22d February, 1905. [164]

Intimations.

THE POPULAR
SCOTCH
IS
"BLACK & WHITE"



JAMES BUCHANAN & CO.
SCOTCH WHISKY DISTILLERS.
By Appointment to
H.M. THE KING
and
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES

Supplied at all the LEADING CLUBS
and HOTELS, and to be obtained from
the principal Stores. [84]

XMAS CAKES AND PUDDINGS A SPECIALITY.

CUSTOMERS are requested to book
their orders early, in order to prevent
disappointment.

WEISMANN, LIMITED,
34, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 18th November, 1905. [166]

THE WINE GROWERS SUPPLY CO.



BARRETTO & Co.,
General Agents, Hongkong

SHERRIES.

DIRECT SHIPMENTS FROM SPAIN

Sherry \$8.00 per Dozen

Pale Sherry Dry (Gold
Capsules) 10.00 "

Pale Sherry Dry (Red
Capsules) 14.00 "

Gold Sherry (Yellow Seal) 15.00 "

Manzanilla (Red Capsules) 16.00 "

MADEIRA.

Silver Capsules \$12.00 "

Gold Do. 14.00 "

Red Do. 16.00 "

MARSALA.

Marsala \$12.00 per Dozen

MOSCATEL.

Gold Capsules \$10.00 per Dozen

Red Do. 12.00 "

MALAGA.

Dark Malaga \$8.00 per Dozen

White Do. 10.00 "

BARRETTO & Co.,
Agents,
Nos. 22 & 24, Bank Building,
Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 12th July, 1905. [164]

THE P. & O. IN THE EAST.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

A CRUSADE against rickshaws carrying bicycle bells and gongs is being briskly prosecuted in Singapore and there are cases daily at the Police Courts, but the Magistrates are at present only cautioning the defendants, though severe measures will be taken next week. In connection with the arrest of all rickshaw coolies peddling vehicles with prohibited bells an amusing incident happened outside the Police Court on the other day. A well-known Chinese coolie arrived at the Court on business in a fine private rickshaw, with one of the gongs attached. As he stepped out of the vehicle, a Police Officer noticed the gong and the coolie hailed one to the Central Police Station and charged, to the great chagrin of the employer.

THE AMALGAMATION SCHEME.

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Mr. de Croux seconded. The motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Parlane moved, that Messrs. A. R. Linton, and C. R. Lehnmann be confirmed in their appointment as directors. Mr. de Croux seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Parlane moved, that Messrs. J. R. Michael, Messrs. L. H. Lintner, and C. R. Lehnmann, were re-appointed directors of the Company. Mr. de Croux seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Parlane moved, and Mr. Parlane seconded, the re-election of Messrs. T. Arnold and H. P. Arnold as directors of the Company, and the motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Parlane moved, that all the business of the Company be transacted in English. Mr. de Croux seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS

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A CORRESPONDENT writes:—The present condition of Ice House Street is disgraceful and calls for the prompt attention of the authorities. This narrow and always busy thoroughfare has been almost impassable during the busiest hours of the day, through the Des Voeux Road, and being entirely closed, and the whole length obstructed by trucks, stacks of bamboo, waiting hired rickshaws, and what not causing a most annoying congestion of traffic down that street, while the unswart and unremoved two-inch layer of slippery mud and slush made the progress of pedestrians extremely slow and the foothold precarious. If one end must be closed, surely trucks and coolies carrying heavy goods on bamboo poles should be excluded from this narrow street until the passage is entirely open to traffic at both ends.

THE SUBSCRIPTION OFFICE

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MAIL BOX

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1905

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Shipping—Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAV. CO., LD.
JOINT SERVICES.FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA
AND SUMATRA PORTS.

EUROPEAN SERVICE.

OUTWARD.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	29th December.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PYRRHUS"	2nd January.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"SAINT BEDE"	9th "	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PATROCLUS"	16th "	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ANTENOR"	23rd "	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"OOPACK"	30th "	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"NINGCHOW"	6th February.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ACHILLES"	13th "	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	20th "	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ALCINOUS"	27th "	

HOMEWARD.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"HECTOR"	19th December.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"GLAUCUS"	26th "	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"TYDEUS"	2nd January.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"IDOMENEUS"	9th "	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"PAK LING"	16th "	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"SYNTOR"	23rd "	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"SAINT BEDE"	30th "	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"PATROCLUS"	6th February.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"ANTENOR"	13th "	

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

OPERATING IN CONJUNCTION WITH

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.
AND TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING TO ALL
OVERLAND COMMON POINTS IN THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA AND CANADA.

EASTWARD.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and	"TELEMACHUS"	1st January.	
and PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via			
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"NINGCHOW"	24th "	

WESTWARD.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
TACOMA, SEATTLE, VICTORIA and	"TELEMACHUS"	26th December.	
PACIFIC COAST	"PINGSUEY"	25th January.	

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

AGENTS.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1905.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

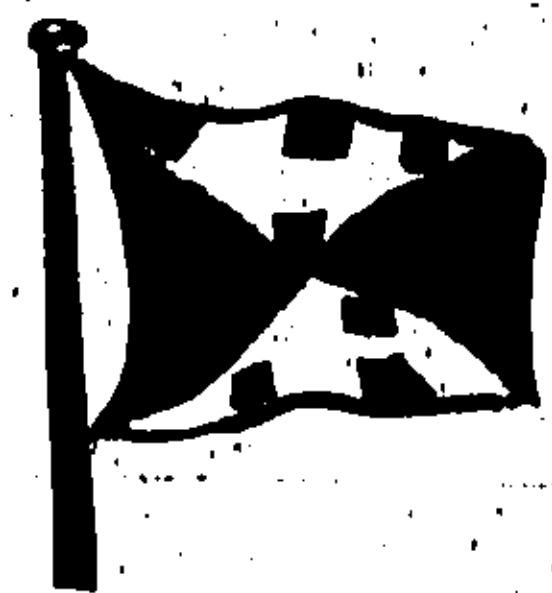
FOR	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
SHANGHAI	"KWANGSANG"	19th December.	
MANILA	"TEAN"	19th "	
SHANGHAI	"PAOTING"	21st "	
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"CHINGTO"	22nd "	
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNS- VILLE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.	"CHANGSHA"	27th "	
CEBU and ILOILO	"SUNGKIANG"	28th "	

† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.
* The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these
steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled table. A duly
qualified Surgeon is carried.
† Taking Cargo and Passengers at through Rates for all New Zealand and other Australian
Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1905.



HONGKONG—MANILA.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers
between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon amidships—Electric
Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon and Stewardess carried.
—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of
Passengers.

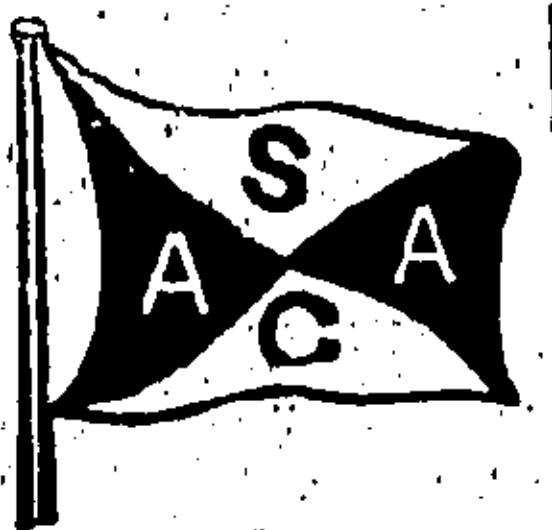
CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
RUBI	2540	R. Almond	MANILA	SATURDAY, 23rd Dec., at Noon.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	"	SATURDAY, 30th Dec., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1905.



HONGKONG—NEW YORK.

AMERICAN ASIATIC
STEAMSHIP CO.

FOR NEW YORK via PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

(With Liberty to Call at the Malabar Coast). About

Steamship "INDRANI" THURSDAY, 21st December.

For Freight and further information, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1905.

FOR HOTEL COMFORT AND THE BEST BILLIARDS

GO TO THE

KOWLOON HOTEL.

Cable Address—Chai

KOWLOON

J. W. OSBORN,
Proprietor and Manager.

Shipping—Steamers.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHAI."
Captain T. Austin, R.N.R.THIS Steamer departs from Hongkong on
Week Days, at 8 A.M. and on Sundays
at 8.30 A.M. Departs from Macao on Week
Days at 2.30 P.M. and on Sundays at 1.30 P.M.,
if tide permits.

FARES—Week Days, 1st Class, including
Cabin and servant, Single, \$3; Return Ticket,
\$5; 2nd Class, \$2; 3rd Class, 50 cents.
Every Sunday will be an Excursion, at the
following rates—1st and 2nd Class, Single
Ticket, \$2; Return, \$3; 3rd Class, Single,
30 cents; Return, 50 cents; Steerage, 10 cents.
Breakfast, Dinner and Dinner can be supplied
either on Board, or at the Macao Hotel, for
returning passengers only, at an extra charge
of \$2.

On Sundays, passengers desiring to have a
Private Cabin which has accommodation for
two or more passengers, will be charged \$3
extra.
First Class Passengers, who do not care to
return on the Excursion Sunday, will be allowed
to do so the following day (Monday) on pro-
duction of the Return Half Ticket. Should
the Steamer not run on the Monday, owing to
the Boiler cleaning, due notice will be given
by the Captain, and the Half Ticket will be
available for the following day.
The Steamer is lit throughout by Electricity.
The Steamer's wharf at Hongkong is at the
Western end of Wing Lok Street.

MING ON & Co.,
2nd Floor, No. 16, Victoria Street,
Hongkong, 9th October, 1905.

STEAM TO CANTON.

THE New Twin Screw Steel Steamers

Tons Captain

"KWONG CHOW" 1,309 T. R. MEAD.

"KWONG TUNG" 1,238 H. W. WALKER.

Leave Hongkong for Canton at 9 every
evening (Saturday excepted).Leave Canton for Hongkong about 5.30
o'clock every evening (Sunday excepted).

These Fine New Steamers have unexcelled
Accommodation for First Class Passengers and
are lit throughout by Electricity. Electric Fans
in First Class Cabins.

Passage Fare—Single Journey \$4

Meals \$1 each.

The Company's Wharf is a short distance
West of the Harbour Master's Office.

SHUI ON S.S. CO., LD., and

YUEN ON S.S. CO., LD.,

No. 8, Queen's Road West.

Hongkong, 23rd August, 1905.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.

(PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

For	Steamship	On
SHANGHAI	"HONGSANG"	WEDNESDAY, 20th Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	FRIDAY, 22nd Dec., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	SATURDAY, 23rd Dec., 3 P.M.

† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Chiofo and Yangtze Ports.

* These Steamers have superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted
throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

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PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, via SHANGHAI, INLAND
SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA,

PORTLAND, OREGON,

OPERATING IN CONJUNCTION WITH

THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	To sail at Daylight on
"ARAGONIA"	5,108	Ernst	December 19th.
"NICOMEDIA"	4,370	Wagemann	December 22nd.
"NUMANTIA"	4,370	Feldmann	January 7th, 1906.
"ARABIA"	4,483	Metzenlin	January 31st.

The S.S. "Nicomedia" left Astoria on the 14th ult., and is due to arrive here on or about
the 16th instant.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and
United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate
with or apply to:

S. SILVERSTONE, Acting General Agent.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR MARSEILLES AND LONDON.

THE Steamship

"BENLOMOND,"

Captain Henderson, will be despatched as above,
on or about the 23rd instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1905.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at Manila, Port Darwin and
Queensland Ports, and taking through Cargo to
Adelaide, New Zealand, Tasmania, &c.)

THE Steamship

"AUSTRALIAN,"

Captain W. G. McArthur, will be despatched for
the above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th
instant, at Noon.This well-known Steamer is specially fitted
for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Cham-
ber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Pro-
visions, Ice, etc., throughout the voyage.This Steamer is installed throughout with
the Electric Light.A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon
are carried.N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of
passengers the steamers of the Company have
electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1905.

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

BOSTON TOW-BOAT COMPANY.

Connecting at Tacoma with

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY
COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR

VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA.

MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer Tons Captain Sailing.

Lyra 4,417 G. V. Williams 27th Dec.

Shawmut 9,600 E. V. Roberts 24th Jan.

Pleides 3,753 F. G. Purington to follow.

Hyades 3,753 Geo. Wright to follow.

Tremont 9,600 T. W. Garlick.

* Cargo only.

CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION,
ATTENDANCE AND CUISINE, ELECTRIC
LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARDESSES.The twin-screw S.S. *Shawmut* and *Tremont*
are fitted with very superior accommodation
for first and second class passengers. The
large size of these vessels ensures steadiness
at sea. Electric fan in each room,
Barber's shop and steam-laundry. Cargo
carried in cold storage.

For further information, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED
General Agents.

Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1905.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE
TO NEW YORK.via PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL,
(With Liberty to Call at Malabar Coast).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG

Steamship About

"ATHOLL" 3rd January.

For Freight and further information, apply
toDODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1905.

Shipping—Steamers.

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND
KOBE.

THE Steamship

"BRISGAVIA."

Captain Russ, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on MONDAY, the 18th instant, at
5 P.M.HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1905.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"GREGORY ATCAR."

Captain J. G. Ollifant, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 19th instant,
at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1905.

Consignees.

S.S. "ERNEST SIMONS."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex S.S.
Guadiana, from Havre ex S.S. *Cambrai*, in con-
nection with above Steamer, are hereby in-
formed that the Goods, with the exception of
Opium, Treasures and Valuables, are being
landed and stored at their risks into the
Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of
the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and God-
down Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence deliv-
ery may be obtained immediately after landing.Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless
intimation is received from the Consignees
before Noon TO-DAY, requesting it to be
landed here.Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned, Goods remaining unclaimed after
TUESDAY, the 19th December, at Noon, will
be subject to rent and landing charges.All claims must be sent in to me on or before
the 19th December, or they will not be recog-
nized.All damaged packages will be examined on
TUESDAY, the 19th December, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1905.

FROM HAMBURG, BREMEN, ROTTER-
DAM, ANTWERP, PENANG
AND SINGAPORE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

"AMBRICA"

Captain Wünnenberg, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for
countersignature by the Undersigned and to
take immediate delivery of their goods from
alongside.Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice
to the contrary be given before TO-DAY.Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be
landed into the hazardous and/or extra haz-
ardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at
Consignees' risk and expense.All Claims must be presented within ten
days of the steamer's arrival here after which
date they cannot be recognized.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered after the 18th December will be
subject to rent.All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 18th December at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1905.

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK, via SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"MONTROSE."

Captain Robt. Clegg, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods are being
landed at their risk into the Godowns of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company, Limited, at Kowloon, and stored at
Consignees' risk and expense.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered after the 17th instant will be
subject to rent.All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 18th instant at 2.30 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1905.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM LEITH, ANTWERP, LONDON
AND STRAITS.

S.S. "BENAVON."

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that
their Goods are being landed at their risk into
the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence deliv-
ery may be obtained.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered after the 17th instant will be
subject to rent.All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 18th instant at 2.30 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1905.

THE HONGKONG
STUDIO.HIGHEST CLASS PHOTOGRAPHERS
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TOP FLOOR.PORTRAITS, GROUPS and ENLAR-
GING and COPYING in all Sizes.LARGE SELECTION OF VIEWS ALWAYS
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NEITHER THE CAPTAIN, THE AGENTS NOR
THE OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE
for any DEBTS contracted by the Owners or
the Crew of the following vessel during her
stay in Hongkong, Harbour, or elsewhere:
CHITTO, CHINESE, 2,000 tons, Captain
James, Glasgow Oil Co.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1905.

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"DELTA."

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, BOMBAY,
COLOMBO AND STRAITS.Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out, marked by
mark, and

